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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$120.00 to cover extension of time fee;
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3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
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